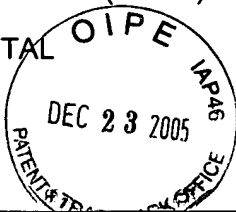


REQUEST

FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	09/558,556
Filing Date	April 25, 2000
First Named Inventor	Rodriguez, et al.
Group Art Unit	2611
Examiner Name	Lonsberry, Hunter B.
Attorney Docket Number	A-5703 (191930-1010)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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 - a. ☐ Previously Submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s) reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on
 - ii. ☐ Other:
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☐ Other:
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 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other:
3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
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Name (Print Type)	Jeffrey R. Kuester	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	34,367
Signature		Date	12-20-05

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		
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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	Filing Fees		Search Fees		Examination Fees		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	0
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	0
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	0
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0

2. EXCESSIVE CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
36	-20 or HP = 0	50	0		360	0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 20

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 3

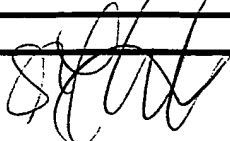
3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 USC 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s)

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-100 =	/50=	(round up to a whole number) x	250 =	0

4. OTHER FEE(S)

	Fee Paid (\$)
Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	0
Other: RCE	790.00

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